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Dear Professor Lederberg:

It has been over a year since I've written to you, and I wondered if you could bring me up-to-date on your writing and publishing plans. As you will remember, we corresponded about a collection of Haldane's general writings. Since the biography of him by Ronald Clark will be published in the U.S. next spring, and the FESTSCHRIFT shortly, it would probably be a good idea to bring out these papers in the next year or so.

How is the book based on your newspaper column coming along? I've not been able to find it in the book shops; so I assume it isn't out yet. You may be interested to know that we have signed a contract with Elof Carlson, one of Joe Muller's former students, to write a full-length biography. Since he has Mrs. Muller's cooperation and access to the Muller and Altenburg papers, we are hoping that it will shed a good deal of light on what happened in the fly room at Columbia between 1910 and 1915. Unfortunately, Sturtevant, who I guess is the only surviving member of Morgan's group, has been reluctant to talk to Elof for personal and historical reasons. Such are the joys and tribulations of historical detective work.

Do drop me a line when you get a chance. It would be a real pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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